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AS WELL AS A METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
IT, AND A FUEL CELL WITH THE SEALING  
STRUCTURE

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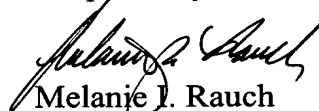
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References AA and AL were cited in the European search report in the corresponding European case. A copy of the European search report is enclosed. References AB, AN, and AO were cited in a first Office Action in the corresponding German case.

Applicants do not have English translations of German Patent References DE 44 10 711 C1 or DE 100 33 898 A 1. However, Applicants have cited U.S. Patent No. 5,733,682, which claims priority to German Patent Application DE 44 10 711 C1, and have enclosed a copy of Canadian Patent No. CA 2 415 388, which claims priority to German Patent Application DE 100 33 898 A 1.

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